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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA GA: AGENDA ITEM 12: UPPER VOLTA DRAF
RESOLUTION ON DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE.

REF: 1) USUN 5721; 2) USUN 5932

1. REVISED UPPER VOLTAN DRAFT RESOLUTION REPORTED REFTTEL 2
OVERCOMES PROBLEM WE HAD WITH PREVIOUS DRAFT, AND WE AP-
PRECiate ESPECIALLY SPONSOR'S DELETION OF REFERENCE TO
DOCUMENT A/C.2/L.1434 ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF CON-
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REFERENCE. SEPARATE GUIDANCE FOR DELEGATION'S USE IN

COMMITTEE FIVE'S CONSIDERATION THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE SENT
SEPTEL.

2. REVISED DRAFT, HOWEVER, INTRODUCES NEW PROBLEM IN
PARAGRAPH 3. WE DOUBT THAT CSTD IS EQUIPPED TO MAKE
"PROPOSALS TO CLOSE THE GAPS IN SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND
TECHNOLOGIES CONCERNING DESERTIFICATION" AS PROPOSED BY
THIS PARAGRAPH. WE BELIEVE IDENTIFICATION BOTH GAPS AND
PROPOSALS TO CLOSE SHOULD EMERGE FROM DESERTIFICATION CON-
FERENCE ITSELF. WE WOULD PREFER, THEREFORE, SEE THIS PARA-
GRAPH DELETED ENTIRELY, ON GROUNDS THAT PREPARATORY PROCESS
FOR CONFERENCE WILL NECESSARILY DEAL WITH THESE QUESTIONS.
ALTERNATIVELY, IF SPONSORS INSIST ON RETAINING SUBSTANCE OF
PARAGRAPH 3, WE BELIEVE TASK MIGHT BETTER BE ASSIGNED TO UNEP

WHICH, IN VIEW ITS EMPHASIS ON PROBLEMS OF ARID LANDS AS
ONE OF ITS PRIORITY ACTIVITIES, AND IN VIEW ESSENTIALLY
INTERDISCIPLINARY, COORDINATING ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN
ASSIGNMENT, APPEARS TO US BEST EQUIPPED TO UNDERTAKE.
IF THIS SUGGESTION DOES NOT APPEAL TO SPONSORS, THEN YET
ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO ASSIGN JOB TO AD HOC INTER-
AGENCY TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT OPERATIVE PARA 4 OF
GA RES 3337 (XXVIII), AS ADJUNCT TO TASK IDENTIFIED SUB-
PARAGRAPH 4(C) THIS RESOLUTION "TO PREPARE EFFECTIVE, COM-
PREHENSIVE, COORDINATED ACTION PROGRAM". ABOVE SUGGESTIONS,
AS DELEGATION WILL RECOGNIZE, ARE DESIGNED OVERCOME, OR
AT LEAST ALLEVIATE, SPLINTERING OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND
RESULTANT DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS INVOLVED IN PROLIFERATION
OF ASSIGNMENTS FOR RESPONSIBILITIES IN ARID LANDS AND
DESERTIFICATION.

4. DELEGATION MAY SUPPORT RESOLUTION WITH OR WITHOUT
CHANGES IN OPERATIVE PARA 4 ALONG LINES SUGGESTED FORE-
GOING. IF OUR SUGGESTIONS NOT ACCOMMODATED, HOWEVER,
DELEGATION SHOULD NOTE OUR SKEPTICISM THAT CSTD CAN DEAL
MEANINGFULLY WITH ASSIGNMENT AND SHOULD NOTE OUR CONCERN
OVER CONFUSION OF ASSIGNMENTS BEING MADE BY GA IN TACKLING
PROBLEMS OF ARID LANDS AND DESERTIFICATION GENERALLY AND
WITH REGARD TO DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE SPECIFICALLY.

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5. DEPT. NOT INCLINED SEE MUCH ADVANTAGE TO US IN CO-
SPONSORING THIS RESOLUTION, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DELE-
GATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS POINT IF THE DELEGATION
FEELS OTHERWISE.

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